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SUBJECT: POLICY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REVIEW (PARM)

REF: STATE 45461 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE FOLLOWING COUNTRY-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE SUPPLEMENTS
GENERAL PARM GUIDANCE TRANSMITTED IN STATE 45461, STATE
38356 AND STATE 38338. POST'S PARM IS DUE BY CABLE IN
WASHINGTON MARCH 31.

2. DEPT FEELS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN FEW SUBSTANTIAL
CHANGES IN U.S. INTERESTS IN YOUR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
SINCE FY 77-78 CASP WAS APPROVED. YOU WILL PROBABLY
WANT TO INCLUDE MAJOR POINTS OF THAT CASP IN YOUR PARM
SUBMISSION.

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3. WE ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED BY BLEAK ECONOMIC
PROSPECTS OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN. PARM SHOULD ADDRESS
THIS PROBLEM AND ITS IMPACT ON U.S. INTERESTS. INDEPEND-
ENCE IS APPARENTLY VERY NEAR FOR SEVERAL OF THE ASSOCIATED
STATES. HOW IS THIS LIKELY TO AFFECT THEIR ECONOMIC
SITUATION, THEIR POLICIES, AND U.S. INTERESTS?

4. RECENTLY BARBADOS HAS BEEN A MODERATE, IF NOT CONSERVATIVE, VOICE IN THE CARIBBEAN. WHAT ARE THE CHANCES THAT THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN BARBADOS WILL BE ALTERED BY PERSISTENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND INCREASINGLY RADICAL NEIGHBORS? WHAT EFFECT WOULD SUCH A CHANGE HAVE ON U.S. INTERESTS?

5. WE ASSUME WE WILL BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS FOR CONTINUED USE OF OUR MILITARY FACILITIES IN BARBADOS AND ANTIGUA. WE ARE PREPARED TO LEAVE, HOWEVER, IF THE GOVTS CONCERNED DEMAND COMPENSATION GREATER THAN COST OF RELOCATION. WHAT IS LIKELY IMPACT ON BARBADIAN POLITICS AND ECONOMICS IF WE FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT? HOW WOULD U.S. DEPARTURE AFFECT USG/GOB RELATIONS?

6. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONSULT ARA/CAR ON ANY ASPECT OF GUIDANCE PROVIDED. HOPEFULLY, MOST QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED IN THE CABLES LISTED IN PARA 1.
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